

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2015

Approved

Call to Order/Open Meeting Law requirements:

R. Spurrell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

G. Hein, J. Hoefakker, R. Spurrell, G. Scheff, P. Jones, L. Neuburg, J. Frisch all present

Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by R. Spurrell

Review/Approval of Minutes:

R. Spurrell cited an error to be corrected in the minutes from the meeting held July 9, 2015. A correction to be made under public comment, change being made from '*passed those figures onto Chief R. Ehlers*' to '*passed those figures onto the Village Board*'. J. Frisch also cited an error in the code and ordinance section as to the date of the next meeting. Motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held July 9, 2015 with amendments made by J. Frisch. Seconded by G. Scheff. Motion carried (7-0)

Review/Approval of Treasurer's Report, including regular monthly accounts payable and journal entry

log: J. Frisch commented on the audit and attorney fees being over budget. Motion made by J. Frisch to approve treasurer's report, accounts payable and JE report. Seconded by L. Neuburg. Motion carried (7-0)

Clerk's Report: Clerk C. Zindars announced that the new Village website was up and running and encouraged Board members and residents to visit the site and provide feedback. She also notified the Board and residents in attendance that she was working with GovPay on the capability to accept credit cards in the office for utility bills and misc. licensing fees. She stated that she expected the new services to be active in the next 30-60 days.

Citizen Comments/Concerns:

B. Dingle, 116 South St. – Inquired on the progress of the noise ordinance. He also asked whether it would be possible to install speed bumps on South St due to the amount of speeding from passing traffic. R. Spurrell replied that it is something that the committee could research.

M. Rice, 601 Old Prospectors Trl. – Made comments regarding the Police Department and its budget. He stated that the amount spend on the Village PD, who covers an area of one square mile was too high at \$400,000-\$500,000 annually. He referenced the past drug issues in the Village and stated that there were drug problems everywhere and made remarks regarding the Town of Eagle's police coverage by the county and inquired as to why the Board felt the Village PD was better, when there seemed to be no notable issues in the Town.

S. Atkinson, 511 Clover Ln. – Inquired as to the amount of revenue the Village receives from speeding tickets. She also stated that some of the reasons she moved to the Village was because of the presence of the police dept, fire dept, and Library. She announced that she supports the police department, but at a reasonable cost.

C. Sanchez, 806 Sutton Dr. – Shared his opposition to the Bielinski senior housing project and felt that they would eventually turn into regular low-cost housing, which would not be beneficial to the Village.

L. Miller, 819 Melbourne Rd – Stated that he was new to the Village. He inquired as to the police response time in the Village and remarked that the department shouldn't just be abolished – there were too many unanswered questions. He also expressed his disapproval of the senior housing project.

J. Jakowski, 810 Melbourne Rd. - Suggested that the Village waits to assign a Chief for the police department until after a cost analysis is done for coverage from the county. He also stated that he would be fine with less coverage at no cost to the Village.

L. Eddy, 819 Sutton Dr. – Spoke in the support of the police department and its involvement in the local school. She also referenced a situation the Eagle Police Department helped stop a group of teen dealing drugs in the Village. She expressed her opposition to the Bielinski senior housing project.

B. Marquardt, 230 Park Ave. – Expressed her opposition of the chicken ordinance. She inquired as to whether the committee had considered what the owners would do with the waste from chickens. She stated that she believed chicken would cause foul odor and she believed ducks to be worse. She expressed her support for a presentation from Waukesha Co. Sheriff's Dept and opposed the senior housing project.

Nierenburger, 311 E. Eagle St. – Stated that he thought the Board needed to be more forth coming about the Chief's retirement contract and why it was agreed upon. He expressed opposition for the senior housing project and supported a presentation from the Waukesha Co Sheriff's Dept and supported passing the chicken ordinance.

B. Sprurrell, 201 Parkview Dr. – Stated that during the many years she was on the Village Board, they had the Waukesha Co Sheriff's Dept come in to give cost comparison presentations several times – and each time the board voted to keep the Eagle Police Department intact due to cost. She expressed opposition for the passing of a chicken ordinance. She expressed support for the senior housing project, stating that there were many people who need and want affordable senior housing.

D. Zivney, 303 S. Sherman St. – Remarked about the increased traffic on S. Sherman St. She inquired about a stop sign being posted on the corner of S. Sherman St. and Field St. due to the high number of speeders. She also commented on the state of the vacant house on Main St. She expressed her distaste for the appearance and stated that she thought work needed to start being done.

S. Royston, 330 Appletree Ln. – Stated that the Village can't afford to support the Eagle Police Department and supports a presentation from the Waukesha Co Sheriff's Dept. She also expressed her opposition of the chicken ordinance and stated she found no enforcement guidelines in the ordinance.

D. Rockteacher, 235 Eagle St. – Stated that he believed the six months of benefit time the Chief had been paid out to be excessive, along with the amount being paid out via his retirement agreement, including that that could have been money spent on the police department.

L. Fejnus, 103 Eagle St. – Expressed her safety concerns for increased golf cart traffic on Village streets. She also requested something be done about the dumpster behind the old grocery store, as it was blocking the walkway.

B. Weimer, 308 Elkhorn Rd. – Inquired as to what the Board's plans were to deal with increased expenditures in the budget and hoped raising taxes was not the answer.

S. Clark, 305 Elkhorn Rd. – Stated that speeders on Elkhorn Rd coming into the Village were terrible. She inquired as to why police officers were no longer monitoring speeders along that stretch by parking in the cemetery like she used to see.

J. Steinhart, 523 E. Main St. – Expressed her concerns regarding the safety of children due to the lack of wood chips in the Village Park playground. She also inquired as to why the hydrant by the Village Gazebo had not been fixed. She also stated that the North Prairie Police Dept had a substantially smaller budget and requested that the Board look to at their business plan as an example for the Eagle

Police Dept. She also stated that the excess being spent on the Eagle Police Dept is taking away from other needs in the Village, i.e. park needs – garbage cans, benches, playground.

Svehlek, 108 Woodfield Dr. – Inquired as to whether Eagle Police Officers were accredited. She stated that she was new to the Village and inquired as to how the police dept budget had gotten in such bad shape as everyone indicates – asked whether reduction in the force could be of help. She expressed support for keeping the police department, and that she didn't believe disbanding was the answer. She also inquired as to why the Board had approved such a lucrative retirement agreement for the Chief.

B. Russell, 813 Andover Dr. – Expressed his opposition to the Eagle Police Department's high budget and suggested a referendum may be the answer. He also expressed his concern for the potential of high rents to be charged for the Bielinski Senior Apartments and opposed the passing of the chicken ordinance.

R. Ehlers, 305 Hawthorne – Urged residents to support the senior housing project as he thought there was a need of Village seniors to have affordable housing. He also stated that he had been proud to serve the residents of the Village during his time at the department. He expressed support for the department and existing officers.

Announcements:

Chief Presiding Officer: R. Spurrell addressed the residents present at the meeting and thanked them for attending. He stated that the Board will do what they can to address the concerns they have expressed.

Board Members: G. Hein announced an upcoming Blood Drive at St. Johns Church. J. Frisch commented on the beautiful job the EBA has been doing to beautify the downtown area.

Fire Dept. Representative: Deputy Chief S. Wilton recapped the Fire Department's involvement in National Night Out and stated that the department had 4 EMTs graduate in June.

Police Dept Representative: Captain S. Lesniewski recapped the department's involvement in National Night Out. He also announced the upcoming Citizen Academy that the Eagle Police Department hosts, along with the Town of Mukwonago Police Department.

Consideration/Action regarding plan of operations and preliminary site plans for Fox Chase Senior

Apartments: A presentation was given to the Board by Nancy Washburn of Bielinski homes. N. Washburn stated that she had looked at previous proposals for the project and believes she understand the Village's wants/needs regarding the project. She explained that the units would be single story, each would have a central community room, and each unit would have an attached garage and be reasonably priced. She stated that she had already been receiving calls from seniors looking to down-size, some requesting reservations, indicating a demand for this type of housing. She explained that the storm water area for this project had been planned since the beginning of the Fox Chase development. She indicated to the Board that Bielinski was interested in the Village waiving impact fees for the project, as they would add approximately \$30,000 in cost for each building. G. Hein inquired on the amount for rents to be charged for the units. N. Washburn explained that they haven't been priced out yet, however these units would typically rent for \$1200-\$1400 per month, but they ideally would like to keep the rental cost to \$900-\$1100 for the larger units and would not include utilities. J. Frisch indicated that there seemed to be a lack of storage in the units. J. Hoefakker indicated that the units did not seem to be safe enough in the event of a storm/tornado with the lack of a basement or storm shelter. N. Washburn stated that she would look into J. Hoefakker's concerns and requested that the Board approve the conceptual plans so the project could move forward. R. Spurrell asked N. Washburn whether the plan would move forward if the Board did not vote to waive impact fees at that night's meeting. N. Washburn stated they would not be moving forward unless impact fees for the project were waived. R. Spurrell stated that was not impression N. Washburn had given at the Planning

Commission meeting, he indicated that he was under the impression that Bielinski wanted to work with the Village Board regarding the project and impact fees. Motion made by R. Spurrell to deny the preliminary site plans for Fox Chase Senior Apartments. Seconded by J. Frisch. J. Frisch asked how the Board was supposed to commit to waiving impact fees for the project before numbers are provided for rent and before the plans are reviewed by the engineers. N. Washburn told the Board that she would take the comments back to Bielinski. R. Spurrell explained that the Board would have a discussion regarding the waiving of impact fees, but would not approve blindly. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding Operator's License applications for Lucas A. Brandemuehl, Cynthia Zuknik, and Molly Corp. Motion to approve all three Operator's License applications made by L. Neuburg. Seconded by G. Hein. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding a Resolution exempting the Village from the Waukesha County Library Levy for 2015 tax for 2016 purposes: Library Director A. Chase explained how the funding for the Library works to the Board members and recommended approval of the Resolution. R. Spurrell explained that this is normally approved annually and the amount in the Village budget normally exceeds the amount that Waukesha County would contribute to avoid residents getting taxed additionally by the County. Motion made by L. Neuburg to approve. Seconded by G. Scheff. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding an ordinance to create a joint municipal court for the Town of Eagle, the Village of Eagle, the Town of Mukwonago, the Village of North Prairie, the Town of Vernon, and the Town of Waukesha: R. Spurrell explained that the Town of Vernon was added to the ordinance. Motion by L. Neuburg to approve. Seconded by J. Frisch. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding an agreement to create a joint municipal court for the Town of Eagle, the Village of Eagle, the Town of Mukwonago, the Village of North Prairie, the Town of Vernon and the Town of Waukesha: Motion made by L. Neuburg to approve. Seconded by P. Jones. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding the Village Board requesting the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department to present/provide information regarding the costs for Police patrol and coverage in the Village: J. Frisch stated that he would like to make sure in the presentation, that the same coverage is compared. L. Neuburg stated that she will support the presentation, but she felt the request of the presentation was an insult to the existing police officers, who work hard and do a good job. G. Hein explained that he doesn't believe that the residents think that the officers are doing a bad job, but he thinks we need to explore all options when looking for ways to lower costs. Motion made by G. Scheff to approve a presentation by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department to provide information regarding costs for Police patrol and coverage in the Village. Seconded by P. Jones. R. Spurrell stated that he will contact Deputy Toren of the Waukesha Co Sheriff's Dept in hopes to be able to book a presentation for September's Board meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

Consideration/Action regarding setting a date for the annual Budget workshop: R. Spurrell addresses concerns regarding the financial state of the Village by explaining that the Village has used its reserves over the past several years in order to keep taxes low, however explained that three years ago the Village Budget had a \$70,000 in the red, but is now better and in the black. Budget workshop set for September 17, 2015 at 6:30pm.

Committee Reports/Action Items: (Information on discussion and action taken at previous meeting(s), future agenda items and upcoming scheduled meeting(s) :

- a. **Code & Ordinance** – J. Frisch announced that the next meeting would be held August 18th.
- b. **Eagle Recreation Department** – P. Jones announced that no meeting was held.
- c. **Fire & Building** – R. Spurrell stated that there was a presentation given by the new ambulance billing company. He explained that Palmyra would need to be providing the committee with a timeline, as there were currently on mutual aide. He continued by indicated that the fire department consolidation item was tabled at the last committee meeting.
- d. **Library** – A. Chase outline several upcoming programs at the Library and expressed her enthusiasm regarding Jefferson County joining the library system, as it would make additional materials available, and hopefully improve efficiency and be cost saving.
- e. **Nature Trail** – J. Hoefakker thanked B. Dingle for his assistance in mounting the Eagle figure on the trail and promoted that Aldo Leopold fundraiser benefiting the Nature Trail.
- f. **Personnel & Finance** – R. Spurrell announced that no meeting was held.
- g. **Police & Licensing** – L. Neuburg thanked all of the participants who joined in making National Night Out a success. She announced that committee meetings would be changing to the first Thursday of each month at 5pm. She thanked a resident for the anonymous donation for tile and paint for the Police Department office and hoped the work would be started by the end of the month. She included that volunteers would be tearing down and repainting, however approximately \$300 would need to be spent on labor.
- h. **Public Works & Property** – G. Scheff announced that there was no meeting held, however DPW Superintendent S. Deegan was working on items for the budget workshop. He also stated that a meeting would be held prior to the budget workshop date.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by P. Jones. Seconded by G. Scheff. Motion carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.